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PASSAGE OF THE HUMAN OR ANIMAL BODY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, please insert the following title:

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Page 1, lines 5-6, please insert the following subheadings:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. **Field of the Invention**

Page 1, line 33, please insert the following subheading:

a2 2. Description of Related Art

Page 2, line 19, please insert the following subheading:

a3 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 8, line 1, please insert the following subheading:

a4 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 8, lines 9-16, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

a5 - Figures 2 and 3 each represents a therapeutic device according to the present invention, in a frontal view, with its upstream end at the top and its downstream end at the bottom; Figure 2 is in its configuration before implantation, that is to say ready for use, and Figure 3 is in its configuration after implantation and activation, that is to say in the urethra, although the urethra is not represented in Figure 3;

Page 9, lines 2-7, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

a6 - Figures 10 and 11 represent, in axial section, another embodiment of a therapeutic device according to the present invention, before implantation, and, respectively, after implantation and activation in the urethra, the urethra not being represented;

Page 10, line 7, please insert the following subheading:

a7 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Page 19, lines 35-38, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

a8 - the flexible connection sleeve 16 between the tubular elements 3 and 14 can be perforated, in a manner distributed about its perimeter, especially by longitudinal slots or windows;